

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: |) |
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| Cham et al. |) |
| Serial No. 10/601,656 |) Art Unit: 1648) |
| Filed: June 20, 2003 |) Examiner: Stacy B. Chem) |
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| For: A Method of Treating and Preventing |) |
| Infectious Diseases Via Creation of a Modified |) |
| Viral Particle With Immunogenic Properties |) |

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114 AND THIRD AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants file this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Form PTO-2038 is enclosed authorizing the charge of the required fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 26, 2005, a five month period for reply to which expires February 27, 2006, applicants respectfully request amendment of the application and its reconsideration based upon the amendments, the following remarks and the concurrently filed Declaration of Mr. Hassibullah Akeefe.

Applicants request a two-month extension of time to submit a response to the Office Action mailed September 26, 2005. A Petition for Extension of Time and Form PTO-2038 are enclosed herewith authorizing the charge to cover the fee for a two-month extension.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 12 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner of Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on February 27, 2006.

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